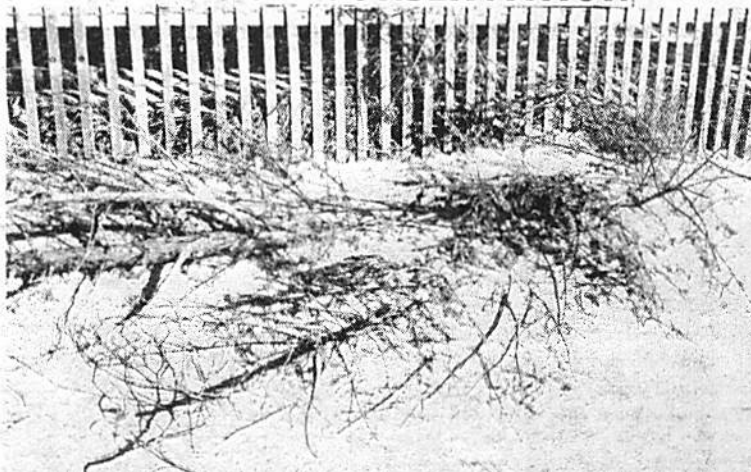


BEACH CONSERVATION



By Neal Merry

Photo by Bill Blackmore

It's happening right now on the beach. The 1974 Christmas tree project (with '73 trees) is well underway. Last Saturday and Sunday manpower and equipment reckoned with the elements, loaded, hauled and generally placed each tree you deposited in the parking lot. The bay side of the southerly lot was completely filled. Well over 4000 trees have been donated to the erosion control effort; trees were transported as far as High Pines and Saquish.

Pictured above is a shot of last year's erosion control trees and fencing. Many more of these recycled sand anchors are completely buried.

The following is a listing of working beach enthusiasts who made it happen last weekend: Ralph Blakeman, Bill Blackmore, Al Krahmer, John Nash, Alan Bornheimer, Peter Teri and David and Richard Ross (Green Harbor), Bob Loring, Squeaky Thompson, Ned Lawson, Dana Brackett, Jim, Kevin and Darin MacFarlane (Duxbury and Saquish), George Cavanaugh and grandson Dick Jones (Hanover and Saquish), Linc Lyman, Dave, Cindy and Wendy Gallagher and Fred Vorbeck (Norwood), Tony Goodman (Stoughton clam buff) and the others who escaped our listing.

Four-wheel drive trucks, jeeps and trailers were volunteered by Ralph Blakeman, Jim MacFarlane, Dick Jones, Bob Loring,

Squeaky Thompson, George Cavanaugh, and Merryland Cranberries. Included also was your beach conservation Bronco.

DANGER FROM THE TIDES

(TIME magazine, Jan. 7, p.55)

Some authorities are forecasting the highest tides in 48 years; locally the tides are predicted to be better than 2 feet (118 tides) above the normal. Luckily we missed the Jan. 8 threat; nevertheless the next dangerous tides are Feb. 6-7, July 19 and Aug. 17. Should we have a storm during those dates pray that the storm peaks at low tide. (See your tide calendar.) Simply, the cause for such high tides, a result of the sun's and moon's gravitational effects on our tides, is most accumulative during the above dates. High winds during these periods would be disastrous for the entire coast.

A salute to those who work on keeping the parking lot more trash free. Among others, Kim Robinson, Jack Orth, Lee Lench and Kitsy Mayo.

Everyone is invited to pitch in again this weekend to haul more trees and more specifically place the trees along the new sand fencing--wiring some of the sand traps in an upright position. (Please bring a pair of pliers).

Other projects include additional sandfence installations, the fence is on hand and the posts are set; stringing out and unravelling cable along the beach

buggy road, the cable is on hand; and more donated pilings to the High Pines area over the new

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